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1. In 1941 when the Cuban Communist Party name was changed to Union Revolucionaria Comunista, the Party decided to reestablish a youth section within the Party since it had been unsuccessful in its attempts to control the non-Communist youth groups. The Juventud Revolucionaria Cubana was then formed with Severo Aguirre, now prominent as a member of the PSP National Executive Committee, as President, and Ilavio Bravo as a member of the National Executive Committee. In 1945 the Juventud Revolucionaria Cubana became the Juventud Socialista, with Ilavio Bravo as President, which position he still holds.
2. The Juventud Democratica is one of the numerous Communist organizations which appear and disappear at the convenience of the Partido Socialista Popular (Cuban Communist Party). The Hermandad de Jovenes Cubanos and the Agrupacion de Jovenes del Pueblo united to form the Juventud Democratica, which was organized to get Cuban youth more closely allied with the WWDY.
3. The Hermandad de Jovenes Cubanos and the Agrupacion de Jovenes del Pueblo Cubano were outgrowths of the Liga Juvenil Comunista, the first youth group of the Communist Party in Cuba. These two groups, which were not specifically Communist organizations, were front groups established at the instigation of Communist leaders in an effort to unify all youth groups in Cuba with the ultimate goal of dominating the associations and educating Cuban youth to Communism.
4. The Comite Cubano Pro Congreso Continental de la Juventud Latino Americano was a committee formed in 1947 for the purpose of arranging Cuban participation in world youth congresses and activities, particularly those of the WWDY, with which some of the groups are affiliated. Members of the Comite were officers of the many youth organizations in Cuba. The Comite was most active in 1947 and 1948 at the time of the WWDY Congress in Mexico and immediately following the congress when the WWDY representatives went to Cuba. Wilfredo Hernandez, prominent in the Autentico Party's youth group and active as a leader of the Cuban youth movement, was President of the Comite. Although he is not a declared Communist Party member, Hernandez has on many occasions been associated with Communist programs. Hernandez, a negro, was attending the University of Habana Law School in 1948 and is known to have taken part in the 1947 abortive Dominican Republic revolutionary attempt. He was one of the Cuban delegates to the youth congress in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in 1945. Oscar Camps, of the Comite Pro Republica Espanola, was Secretary of the Comite.

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5. Many Cuban non-Communist youth groups were represented by the Comite, including the following:

Asociacion de Alumnos de Artes y Oficios, the correct name for the Federacion de Estudiantes de Artes y Oficios
Juventud Evangelica
Juventud Ortodoxo of the Partido del Pueblo Cubano
Seccion Juvenil del Partido Revolucionario Cubano - Autentico

6. Nothing has been heard for several months of any activity by the Comite Cubano Pro Congreso Continental de la Juventud Latino-American.

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